

May 13, 2009

The Honorable Daniel K. Inouye
Chairman
Senate Committee on Appropriations
Capitol, S-128
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Thad Cochran
Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Appropriations
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The Honorable Robert C. Byrd
Chairman
Subcommittee on Homeland Security
Dirksen 135
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable George V. Voinovich
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Homeland Security
Hart 125
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Inouye, Vice Chair Cochran, Chairman Byrd, and Ranking Member Voinovich:

As the Subcommittee prepares to consider the fiscal year 2010 Homeland Security Appropriations bill, I respectfully request your consideration of the following high-priority programs and projects. Federal assistance is critical to helping New Mexico's local government and community groups meet the needs of our state. Your consideration of these projects, listed in alphabetical order, is very much appreciated.

The Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (Artesia, NM)

The Federal Law Enforcement Center (FLETC) at Artesia, NM, serves as a multi-agency law enforcement training organization; the staff of the Artesia training facility is responsible for designing, developing, coordinating, and administering advanced and specialized training programs for the United States Border Patrol, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Transportation Security Administration, and other partnering organizations. Of the four training sites FLETC maintains across the United States, only the Artesia facility consistently operates at 100% capacity and utilization. I respectfully request the following project funding to support the Artesia facility in meeting its infrastructure needs.

Expansion of Existing Facilities (Artesia, NM)

Request: \$10,000,000

These funds are needed due to the expanded growth of the Artesia Facility. With the 400% increase in training over the past four years, the Artesia Facility is utilizing land

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mass where no permanent infrastructure is present. The Artesia Facility needs sewer, water, natural gas and electrical wiring to the northwest corner of the Main Campus. These changes would provide sewer and natural gas to the Drivers Firearms complex as well as providing paved roadways to the 4X4 course. Due to the current usage demands on the Artesia facility, the Center can no longer provide sewer services through a "septic system" without violating EPA standards.

Construction of Indoor Firearm Range (Artesia, NM)

Request: \$12,000,000

The Artesia Facility continues to operate without indoor firearm range capability. These ranges are needed to ensure continuity of training during inclement weather at Artesia. Spring winds in excess of 50 miles an hour are not uncommon and result in postponement of training until they subside.

Construction of Port of Entry training area (Artesia, NM)

Request: \$7,000,000

The Artesia facility currently lacks a practical exercise area for Point of Entry (POE) training. The construction of the Port of Entry will allow Customs and Border Patrol officers to train simultaneously, which will ensure a unified training approach to handling border crossing issues. This training represents key components that complement Border Security goals including improving inspection and control and facilitating trade.

Construction of Auditorium (Artesia, NM)

Request: \$5,000,000

The current auditorium only seats 160 guests and students. Current graduations and mass meetings for government employees at Artesia range from 250 to 400 personnel that need to come together at one time. The completion of this facility will allow the facility to seat up to 500 personnel in a professional environment for both graduations and large Homeland Security meetings.

Programmatic Request

The Federal Law Enforcement Training Center

I respectfully request funding The Federal Law Enforcement Training Center at the FY09 level of \$333 million. The Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC) program serves as an interagency law enforcement training organization for over 80 Federal agencies, state and local law enforcement agencies, and international law enforcement agencies. FLETC maintains four training sites throughout the United States with a workforce of over 1,000 employees. FLETC's professional instruction and practical application provide students with the skills and knowledge necessary to meet the demanding challenges of law enforcement careers. New federal hires and journey level personnel learn not only the responsibilities of a law enforcement officer and agent, but through interaction with students from many other agencies, they also become acquainted with the missions and duties of their colleagues. This interaction provides the foundation for a more cooperative multi-agency law enforcement effort. The FY09 funding level will

provide law enforcement training and requalification to a projected 80,000 students from the three major law enforcement client groups..

Enhanced Security initiative (FLETC-wide)

I respectfully request \$10 million in funding for FLETC-wide security enhancements. Shortly after 9/11, several security shortcomings were identified FLETC-wide. In order to properly protect the staff and students at the four training centers, security enhancements must be undertaken at every site. These enhancements include both physical and IT/Video surveillance solutions, such as fortifying each center's perimeter, installing HVAC systems, and installing FLETC-wide IT communication capacity. Failure to address security concerns FLETC-wide will jeopardize trainees' safety at all four centers.

The National Infrastructure Simulation and Analysis Center

The National Infrastructure Simulation and Analysis Center (NISAC) was originally established in 2000 and formally designated by the Patriot Act in 2001 as the center for national expertise for critical infrastructure interdependency modeling, simulation, and analysis. NISAC operates under the direction of the Office of Infrastructure Protection (IP), Homeland Infrastructure Threat and Risk Analysis Center (HITRAC). It comprises DHS management personnel in Washington, DC, supported by scientists, engineers, and economists at Los Alamos National Laboratory and Sandia National Laboratories. NISAC's basic mission is to improve the understanding of the Nation's critical infrastructures by supporting DHS's planning, protection, deterrence, response, and mitigation actions for natural and terrorist events. In addition, the Center provides DHS an operationally tested resource for 24/7 operations during national incidents. I respectfully request the following funding priorities to support the expansion of NISAC's mission in order to complement our nation's evolving critical infrastructure needs.

NISAC Cyber Infrastructure Initiative

Request: \$10,000,000

There is an expanding set of diverse and complex national/homeland security concerns stemming from fundamental, cross-sector infrastructure issues. Chief among these issues is Cyber security; Cyber security occupies an increasingly pivotal role in the area of infrastructure interdependency and is widely recognized as a critical national security challenge. Cyber infrastructure is now pervasive and reaches into every aspect of the nation's modern, critical infrastructure systems. Consequently, it must be included as a fundamental component of future infrastructure analysis.

NISAC proposes a Cyber Infrastructure Initiative that will provide a unique, integrated cyber infrastructure interdependency analysis capability that is not addressed in the cyber security activities associated with the Comprehensive National Cybersecurity Initiative. Additionally, the goals of this initiative-- developing an integrated analytical representation of Cyber infrastructure and associated Cyber threats-- will complement ongoing Cyber security focused efforts led by DHS.

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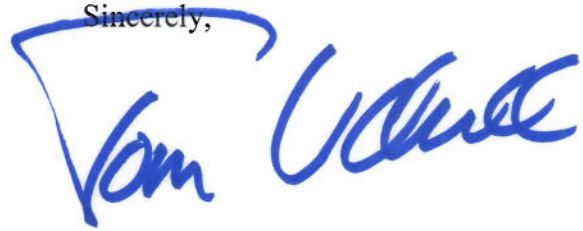
The National Infrastructure Simulation and Analysis Center (NISAC)

I respectfully request funding NISAC's core budget at \$25 million, a level sufficient to provide full functionality for the key DHS infrastructure protection mission. Increased operational demands well beyond NISAC's original scope continue to put pressure on the Center. The core NISAC budget has remained relatively stable between \$20 million and \$25 million over the past 6 years. The \$25 million funding level will ensure that the current support to DHS is not degraded and that the underlying technical capabilities continue to mature to a level sufficient to provide the requisite mission support to DHS.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has a pecuniary interest in any of the congressionally directed spending items that I have requested from the Senate Committee on Appropriations, consistent with the requirements of paragraph 9 of Rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate. I further certify that I have posted a description of the items requested on my official website, along with the accompanying justification.

I am grateful for the consideration the Committee and Subcommittee is giving my requests. While I recognize you are operating under very tight constraints, I hope you will consider the needs of my constituents in this year's Homeland Security Appropriations bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tom Udall", with a large, stylized flourish extending from the end of the name.

Tom Udall
United States Senator

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